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THE HAMBURG AND COPENHAGEN APPLE MARKETS

Both barreled and boxed apples sold at higher prices on the Hamburg auction Thursday, March 5, than last week, according to a cable from Fred Ar Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Baskets sold at about the same prices as last week. About 75,000 boxes, 36,900 barrels and 21,000 baskets were offered at the auction against 67,000 boxes, 15,000 barrels and 20,000 baskets last week and 42,000 boxes and 700 barrels at this time last year. The total offerings this week on a box basis amounted to 132,900 boxes, or about the same as last week. Inquiry was strong for all sound packs of American apples. Most of the fruit offered was in good condition, with the exception of New York Baldwins, Ben Davis and Russets, many of which were scalded and in poor condition.

West Virginia Winesaps topped the barreled lots in price, selling from \$7.86 to \$10.96 per barrel. Some Pennsylvania Black Bens were offered at the auction. These made \$1.67 to \$2.38 per basket. Prices paid for Washington Winesaps continued to climb and now are selling at higher prices than at this time last year. Rome Beauties also made about the same prices as last year. Considering the quantities of apples being offered at the auction, the prices are generally quite satisfactory. Most of the low prices in the barreled lots can be attributed mainly to the poor condition of the fruit.

About 3,200 boxes of pears were offered at the auction compared with 5,000 boxes last week. The condition of the fruit was good. Prices held at about the same levels as last week.

At the Copenhagen auction Tuesday, March 3, prices were maintained for boxed apples. Washington Winesaps made some advance over last week in price. Extra Fancy Washington Winesaps, 150/175, sold at \$2.68 to \$2.74 against \$2.55 to \$2.62 last week per box. The Extra Fancy 188/smaller size made about \$2.55 and Fancy 188/smaller \$2.31 to \$2.43, whereas the same size in the "C" grade made \$2.19 to \$2.25. Extra Fancy 150/175 Oregon Newtowns sold at \$2.68 to \$2.92 per box. Fancy 150/175 Newtowns made \$2.55 to \$2.68 which was the same price as last week. These prices are 25 cents to 50 cents a box lower than those ruling at Hamburg.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Hamburg

Variety, grade and origin		Price		
		1930	1931	
		March 6	February 26	March 5
APPLES	BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperials, Va.....		8.34- 8.93	5.96- 8.34	6.91- 7.98
Albemarle Pippins, Va.....		-	6.67- 7.86	4.76- 7.86
Winesaps, W. Va.....		-	5.84- 8.58 <u>a/</u>	7.86-10.96
Staymans, W. Va.....		-	4.76- 7.38 <u>b/</u>	4.76- 8.58
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.....		-	4.17- 7.38	5.00- 7.50
Baldwins, N. Y.....		3.69- 4.53	4.64- 8.10	4.53- 7.62
Ben Davis, N. Y.....		-	5.60- 8.10	5.72- 8.34 <u>c/</u>
Russets, N. Y.....		-	4.76- 7.38	4.76- 6.67 <u>d/</u>
	BASKETS:			
Winesaps, Idaho.....		-	2.74- 2.86	2.62- 2.86
Staymans, Penn.....		-	2.14- 2.62	1.79- 2.62
York Imperials, Va.....		-	2.14- 2.62	2.62
Romes, Va.....		-	2.86 <u>b/</u>	3.10 <u>e/</u>
Black Twigs, Va.....		-	2.38- 2.50	2.26- 2.38
	BOXES:			
Winesaps, Wash.....				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....		2.98- 3.22	2.98- 3.10	3.10- 3.33
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....		2.74- 2.92	2.86- 2.98	2.86- 3.10
Fancy 138/163.....		2.86- 2.98	2.74- 3.04	2.98- 3.10
Fancy 188/smaller.....		2.74- 2.80	2.74- 2.86	2.86- 2.98
Newtowns, Oregon.....				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....		3.57- 4.53	2.86- 3.10	3.10
Fancy 138/163.....		-	2.62- 2.86	2.86- 2.98
C grade 138/163.....		-	2.74	2.74- 2.86
Arkansas Blacks, Oregon.....				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....		-	2.86- 3.10	2.86- 3.10
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....		-	2.86- 2.98	2.74- 2.98
Fancy 138/163.....		-	-	2.86- 2.98
Ortleys, Oregon.....				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....		4.41	2.86- 3.45	3.10- 3.33
Fancy 138/163.....		3.57- 4.05	2.62- 3.33	2.62- 3.22
Spitzenbergs, Oregon.....				
Fancy 138/163.....		-	-	2.86- 2.98
C grade 138/163.....		-	2.62	2.98
Delicious, Oregon.....				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....		-	-	3.10- 3.22
Winter Bananas, Oregon.....				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....		-	2.86- 3.57	3.10- 3.57
Fancy 138/163.....		-	-	2.74- 3.10
Jonathans, Oregon.....				
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....		-	3.22	2.74- 3.10
Romes, Oregon.....				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....		3.75 <u>f/</u>	-	3.33- 3.69 <u>e/</u>
Fancy 138/163.....		2.86- 3.33 <u>f/</u>	-	3.10- 3.22 <u>e/</u>
PEARS	BOXES:			
Anjous, Wash.....		-	3.22- 3.57 <u>g/</u>	2.62- 3.57
Winter Nelis, Wash.....		-	-	2.62- 3.22 <u>e/</u>

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Virginia. b/ Pennsylvania. c/ Mostly inferior, scalded. d/ Variable condition.e/ Few. f/ Washington. g/ Best lots.